

THE CIRCUS RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2015-2016

The Circus Relations Committee of the CFA, though small in number is big on involvement. As in the past, we primarily work independently rather than as a group.

Committee member, Father Dick Notter probably attended more circuses in the past year than any other member of the CFA. Through his ministry he has provided counseling to circus personal all over the country in addition to performing baptisms, blessings and church services. He is truly an asset to our committee.

Member David Orr could be found almost anywhere there was a circus related show or activity during the past year. In the summer months he is in the North providing support and involvement with various circuses. In the winter months, he is all over the Sarasota, Florida area promoting and being involved with anything circus.

Don Curtis visited about a dozen circuses during the past year, personally providing coffee and donuts for two show set-ups, lunch for entire circus staff twice and lunch and dinner three times for some Ringling people. His *Circus Personality Photo Blog*, which is designed mostly for, and visited primarily by people in the circus profession has had over 48,000 visits since its inception and has been searched on Google over 93,000 times to date.

All committee members are welcomed as friends when they visit the lot or arena, and not just as fans.

Often, we as committee members are frustrated that we cannot do more to help many people of the circus financially. The list of needs is long and expensive, but unfortunately the CFA does not have the funds available.

In conclusion, The Circus relations Committee is a dedicated group, and since it is doing what it was intended to do, there is no need for a change.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Curtis,
Chairman